



2010 NATIBO Annual Steering Committee Meeting

17 June 2010

The 2010 NATIBO Steering Committee met on 17 June 2010, in Washington, DC. This meeting was held in conjunction with the 2010 Defense Industrial Base (IB) Seminar and Workshops held on 15-16 June.

The U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense hosted the NATIBO annual meeting. Representatives from the Canadian Department of National Defence (DND), Office of the Secretary of Defense (AT&L (Industrial Policy)), the U.S. Joint Services, the Defense Contracts Management Agency, the Defense Logistics Agency, Missile Defense Agency, Industry Canada, and the Canadian Commercial Corporation participated in the meeting.

The meeting served to update the NATIBO Steering Committee on the ongoing initiatives of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and the Canadian DND, under the auspices of NATIBO and to receive strategic guidance for the coming year. Discussion topics included: the current environment within the U.S. and Canada, the Alternative Fuels Industrial Base Assessment, the activities of the Defense Industrial Base/Critical Infrastructure Working Group, and the proposed NATIBO Munitions Working Group.

The guest speaker from the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Systems Center in San Diego provided a report on technology “clusters” that have been formed to bring industry, government and academia together, in concert with the Small Business Administration (SBA), to develop advanced technologies. The idea evolved from the OSD robotics initiative. These regional clusters are focused on robotics technology initiatives and offer an excellent opportunity to support economic recovery and develop sustainable regional economies; to increase collaboration across agencies among strategic partners such as the DoD and SBA; and to support the growth of technology-based small businesses vital in the reset of the American economy.

The 2011 annual meeting will be hosted by Canada’s Department of National Defence.